



Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Darlene Ells, Lay Reader

Chris Venesile, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

September 22, 2024

10:00 AM

Welcome

The Church Life and Ministry

Prelude You are My All in All arr. M. Hayes

Call to Worship

Walking on the path, following Jesus, sometimes there is joy in our step.

But sometimes we are not so sure.... What may lie ahead? Assurance or uncertainty? Strength or vulnerability? Acclaim or derision?

As we begin each day's journey, may we welcome Jesus as companion and guide.

*Hymn N^o. 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Call to Confession, and Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forever inviting us to draw near, forever calling us to follow: we confess that we wrestle with Christ's call to obey and serve. We often choose the easier path, and miss your invitation to extend mercy in a place of need. We are content to limit our engagement with you to Sunday mornings or to the last weary moments of the day. We move so fast that we miss your whispers in a dream, your presence in a child's curiosity, your beauty in a rain puddle or a fresh-cut flower. Persistent God, tilt our ear toward you. May we hear with clearness the word you have for us today. May we respond by sharing with neighbors and friends the news of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

In scripture we are assured that God is full of mercy and grace, slow to anger and overflowing with steadfast love.

Greater than the distance between East and West is the measure of God's forgiveness toward us.

Friends, let us believe and live the Good News of the gospel:

For in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri N^o. 581**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

Choral Anthem How Can I Keep From Singing? arr. T. Shaw

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 43:16, 18-19

Second Lesson Matthew 21:23-32

***Passing of the Peace**

Hymn N^o. 188 (verse 1) Jesus Loves Me

Time for Young Disciples

Sermon Attention-Deficit Churchians Dr. Fancher

***Hymn N^o. 395** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Excerpt from Finlandia arr. M. Hayes

***Doxology N^o. 606** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God: to you we dedicate these gifts and ourselves, for we want to accomplish the greater works to which our Master Jesus Christ calls us.

- Increase our generosity, that we may learn to give in proportion to the mercy we have received.
- Ready us for the sacrifices that may be required of all who seek to live in faithful response to the way, the truth and the life.

May the programs supported by our offerings turn us and many others from our vain idols and distracting pursuits. In the power of the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Hymn N^o. 321** The Church's One Foundation

***Charge & Blessing**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again No. 541

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

***Postlude** Hyfrydol arr. S. Scott

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The logo for Parma South Presbyterian Church features a blue cross with a semi-circle above it, set against a light blue background. Below the symbol, the text "Parma South Presbyterian Church" is written in a blue serif font.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Sunday, September 22, 2024

REMINDER – All members, please sign the attendance book. Thank you.

NAME BADGES – Church Members, please wear your name badge, so the new Pastor can get to know everyone.

EVENTS – Please let the office know of any upcoming events. We would like to track these on our Weekly Calendar again and get any new event set as reserved. Thank you.

OFFICE NEWS – Kathleen Snyder is no longer working for Parma-South. The Personnel Committee has begun the search for her replacement as our Church Administrator. During this transition the following changes have been implemented:

We welcome back Nicole Cockrell representing Ministry Architects to perform most of our administrative needs. Any bulletin information please send to Nicole at: officeadmin@parma-south.org.

In addition, Cathy Demoss will be at the church Monday-Thursday from 9:00a.m. – Noon. Cathy will be functioning as our church receptionist and performing various office duties during this transition period.

We appreciate both Nicole and Cathy's skills and support for our church!

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 22

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, September 23

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Thursday, September 26

7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting – Online

Sunday, September 29

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: M – TH 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be submitted by entering on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. Cards are in a holder at each pew. Please place it on the offering plate.

LIFE GROUP – an opportunity to discuss today's lesson and look deeper into today's scripture. Join the live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

CARE TEAM - The Care Team has a supply of stamped and addressed cards in the Narthex for our friends and members. Please take a few and sign, add a short message if you'd like, then mail. Let's stay connected.

GRIEF GROUP - Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra holds a Grief Group, online via Zoom, every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00-5:00. Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please share your announcements to post in the weekly bulletin, by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. Send to: officeadmin@parma-south.org. Many thanks and blessings.

MEETINGS - Please notify officeadmin@parma-south.org and Mary Sue Murphy at msmgrandma@gmail.com when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

CONTACTING OUR GAP PASTOR – Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher

In the event you become aware of a pastoral emergency and need to reach Pastor Jon quickly, please call or text his personal cell phone at (440) 263-8872. That is the fastest and most certain way of contacting him.

- Office hours: Friday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERN: Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. **Card can be sent to:** Blake Severson, 420 Cherry St. Anchorage, AK 99504

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Move-In Help Wanted! If you are able and available to help Rev. Moreland move into her church office and her house on Thursday, September 26th, please leave your name and number with Cathy DeMoss in the church office. (440-885-2652, Mon-Thurs 9-12) We'll call you with details on timing when we know Christin's ETA.

The Properties Committee has contracted a landscape company. The Committee members walked the grounds with the owner of the company and we have decided to move forward with the project. This includes killing weeds, removing weeds, trimming virtually every tree and bush, adding a weed preventer and adding mulch to all beds as well as removing all debris from the site. The project should be done in three weeks. This will bring the grounds back to the beautiful shape it was meant to be.

Join the New Tech Team! – Skills required: 1. Willingness to learn/research and 2. Reasonable comfort using computers. **Parma-South Presbyterian Church** (post-covid) has had an explosion of Technology.

- Are you willing to give of your time to meet & discuss tech topics? If you are the kind of person who checks email daily and owns a smart phone, you have enough tech savvy experience to help.

Let's meet, say, monthly. To formally volunteer, please contact Audrey at (440) 582-1418. (Yup, an old-fashioned land line!) **All are welcome!**

The Love INC Annual Coat Drive – Has began and ends on October 17th. The annual drive has resulted in over 1500 coats being donated to those in need each year. These coats are dry cleaned and covered in plastic before they are given to local churches and organizations for distribution. If you know someone in need of a coat, please call the church office and give us the information on size and if it is for a child or an adult (male or female).

CarePortal – Session has approved having a partnership with CarePortal. CarePortal will connect Parma-South with a local child in need who is living near Parma-South Presbyterian Church.

- The goal is to assist families to keep the children out of foster care. Information on children who need help will be sent to Love INC. Love INC will then forward the information to the contact person of the respective church.
- **Volunteer Opportunity** – A contact person is needed for Parma-South. A short training session will be conducted by Love INC. Susan Rhee has agreed to be a mentor for the contact person. **We need someone to volunteer** to be that contact person, in order for Parma-South Presbyterian Church to participate.
 - If you would like to volunteer as our contact person, please call the church office. More information is also available at: <https://www.careportal.org/how-careportal-works/>

Operation Christmas Child – Our Mission committee has approved Parma-South's participation in Operation Christmas Child again. We were very successful in our first year (2023) collecting 69 boxes.

About the project

- Selecting an age group (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) for a boy or girl
- Next - Pack a shoebox with items like school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and treats
- If you are not a shopper, please consider making a contribution toward the processing and shipping of these boxes (a suggested donation is \$10 per box). This will go toward a child who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

Now is a great time of year to purchase school supplies, books, summer t-shirts, flip flops, or toys. It sounds like this may be early to think about Christmas, however the **collection week is November 18-25, 2024.**

Additional details will be coming soon. You can also visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child>
Please start your collecting items and help express God's love to a child this year. Thank you for your consideration!

Contact: Laura Dory (216-581-9364) or email LMDORY68@YAHOO.COM

All Women, All Churches are Invited!
CHRISTIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING
Saturday September 28, 2024

Location: Lord of Life Lutheran Church
17989 Chillicothe Rd Chagrin Falls OH 44023

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9-10:00 AM – Coffee, Donuts will be provided

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM -- Worship

11:00 AM to 12:30 -- Theme Discussion

12:30 to 1:15 PM -- Lunch and Fellowship

1:15 PM to 3:45 PM -- Music and Theme Discussion

3:45 PM – Cleanup and Closing Prayer

Potluck Luncheon at 12:30 PM

- **For the potluck, please bring something easy to share like sandwiches, salads, munchies, desserts, and beverage.**

So bring your bible, a coffee cup, and a friend(s) for the day!!! We hope to be done by 4:00 PM, however please join us, for any or all day if you can!

Kindly reply to Dana Flenner at: Danaflenner56@gmail.com by September 23rd.

Trunk or Treat – Please join us for Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 27th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM, in the church parking lot. There will be candy, crafts, and lots of fun! If you would like to participate, decorate your car, and/or donate candy, please contact the church office.

TRUNK - OR - TREAT

Sunday October 27th 2-4pm

YES, I would like to decorate my car and pass out candy.

YES, I would like to donate candy.
(Please have donations to the church office by Thursday, October 26th)

YES, I would like to come and trick-or-treat.
of trick-or-treaters: _____

Name: _____

Please fill out the form if you are interested in participating and/or donating candy and return it to the offering plate or the church office.

Thank you!